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MONTEREY NEWS

July-August, 1977

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Special Town Meeting on July 30

There will be a special Town Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, in the church social room to consider the following items:

1. An adjustment in the pay scale for employees of the Highway Department.
2. Unpaid bills in the 1976-77 budget.
3. Any other business.

Notes from the Board of Assessors

Surplus copies of the last annual report of the Southern Berkshire Regional District are available in the Town Offices. They may be obtained there any morning except Thursdays and Sundays.

The Town Report Committee wishes to remind all those who are to submit a report for inclusion in the Annual Town Report that the deadline is August 1. If you have any questions, please contact the Assessors' Clerk at 528-1443 any morning in the week except Thursday.

Monterey and New Marlborough Seek Funds for Lake Projects

On Wednesday, July 21, town officials from Monterey and New Marlborough met with Rick Holmes and Tom Otto of the B.C.R.P.C. to initiate an inter-municipal grant application for federal funds under section 314 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Members of the Boards of Selectmen, Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, and the Lake Buel and Lake Garfield Improvement Associations discussed and debated the nature of their respective goals. While it was clear that everyone is interested in both temporary and long-range solutions to the nuisance weed problem, there were conflicting feelings as to the viability of some of the proposals.

Representatives from the Federal E.P.A. have stated that they will now fund the harvesting of weeds <u>if</u> harvesting proves to be a part of a long-range water quality improvement program. Based on this encouraging change of position, everyone at this meeting supported the grant application to seek funds for harvesting. These funds are appropriated on a 50-50 match basis. If the federal government approves our application, the Towns will have to vote on whether to provide their share. New Marlborough would only be asked to provide their share of the 20% for Lake Buel.

A much more controversial proposal was presented by Fred Vorck and Matt Williams of the Lake Buel Improvement Association. They stated they were presently seeking funds through Senator Alan Sisitsky to build a flood control dam on Lake Buel. They felt this would enable them to use the winter drawdown technique of freezing the weeds that seemed to work well on Lake Garfield this year.

Because of the topographical nature of Lake Buel in relation to the flood plain of the Konkapot Valley, a 2½ mile channel would have to be dredged between Hartsville and Mill River in order to construct a dam which could lower the lake enough to successfully carry out the drawdown. Because of the obvious impact on the ecology of this relatively wild 2½ mile flood plain and wildlife area, many people felt this would not be an acceptable proposal. New Marlborough Selectman Ed Smith stated that this would not only require the taking of private lands but would destroy a unique wildlife sanctuary that provides an abundant habitat for numerous forms of wildlife, including two pairs of the relatively rare Great Blue Herons. Monterey Selectman Richard Tryon and Planning Board Chairman Jed Lipsky concurred with the New Marlborough Selectmen's position of opposing the proposal to channel and dredge the flood plain from Hartsville to Mill River. But they all felt that if a dam could be built without dredging the Konkapot plain, possibly by pumping the lake out during lower flow periods, they could support the proposal for a dam.

The meeting ended with a consensus that they would continue to seek funds with the help of the B.C.R.P.C. staff, but that more discussion would be necessary to arrive at an acceptable approach to the Lake Buel Dam.

Jed Lipsky

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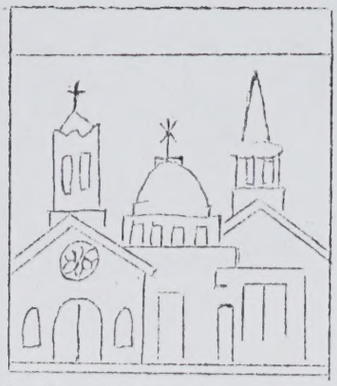


CATHOLIC CHURCHES

An auction August 6, followed by a tag sale August 7, for the benefit of Our Lady of the Hills Summer School will be held at the American Legion Hall in Sheffield. Please bring items for either one of these events to Tom Bradley's in Monterey.

Mass at Our Lady of the Hills Chapel Saturdays at 7 p.m. during the summer. A weekday Mass will also be celebrated. Check the church bulletin for the day. Please support this endeavor.

Weekly Mass at 9:00 a.m. Sunday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Mill River

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . . Weddings: Michael Mielke and Kathryn Niedzienski on July 2 at the parsonage; Steven Pullen and Sally Ward Black, by the bride's father, the Rev. Raymond Ward; Richard Weiss and Tina Connor on July 16 at the groom's home; Dominique Monney and Linda Tryon on July 2

Notes

Stewardship Program

The church is holding its annual stewardship enlistment program beginning with the worship on July 24. A mailing has gone to members and friends of the church with the proposed budget and an explanation of the program. July 31 has been designated as the time at which the visitation will begin. It is hoped that a large number will be at the worship on July 31, thus reducing the number of calls that will need to be made that day. The program this year is stressing the great affirmations of our faith.

Ecumenical Worship

In connection with the weekend event called Celebrating Monterey '77 an ecumenical worship is being held on Sunday, August 7, at 10:00 a.m. in Greene Park. This worship will take the form of celebrating our life in community. Participants from the different faiths will share in the conduct of the service.

CORN POEM

filling the coarse corn sacks,
our muscles hardening
against the gathered weight

while the sun steamed us lightly,
swallowed us whole,
and spat back the cracked bones
among spent stalks.

stumbling over the whitening ribs,
still we dragged our sacks
toward sunset
across fields that sought to hold us
in their weedy fists

till the pond's call
echoing down the rows
gathered the ribs, bones, muscles,
fused them,
and we left,

crossed the creek,
passed the sun-high goats
waiting for night
to shove them hurtling down the slope.

mounted
to the sounding center,
our bodies vibrating
with its tones

and in the deep palm of the pond
we lay
dissolved.

Janet Rose Volckhausen

TIDES AND HUMAN EVENTS

Those who live by the ocean are not long in learning to adjust their lives to the movement of the tides. Fishing, boating, clamming, swimming -- yes, any number of activities are affected by the position of the tides. Ocean people, with hardly a thought they are doing so, steadily relate what they are doing to the tides. It is simply good sense to learn how the tides affect things.

It takes no profound observer to see that there are many more tides moving through life than the tides of the ocean. There is a tide-like quality about the seasons. We have come to know that though winter may come, locking the countryside up in ice and snow, rendering the vegetation barren and dead-looking, there follows the spring season in which all nature seems to come alive again. There is even a tide-like quality in the alternating rhythm between day and night. There is a vastly different quality and tempo that sweeps through everything as night changes to day, and again as day changes to night. How like the tides come these changes sweeping through life, putting a different rhythm and feeling into everything.

Yet the tides I would ask you to think of now are the tides that ebb and flow in our lives as human beings. As surely as the ocean responds to the distant pull of the moon, so in our lives there is an ebb and flow that operates with uncanny force. We rational humans like to see ourselves in charge, as taking command of all that happens in our lives. Yet I wonder what the fish thinks who swims far inland on occasions. Does he imagine on these occasions that he was especially skillful?

Recently we have been introduced to the reality of bio-rhythms. Here we learn that something much more basic is at work than our exercise of will and imagination. Tides, as it were, of energy, yes, even of faith and imagination ebb and flow within us, operating far deeper than our earnest resolve that, though yesterday we goofed off, today will be full of accomplishments. Maybe it will and maybe not. Sometimes I find that my resolve may "turn the tide." But other times I find that my resolve is a weak and puny force pitted against a tide that I can neither see nor understand. Ah, yes, now that I reflect on it, I have spent any amount of energy fighting the unseen tides that continue to ebb and flow in my life. Long ago Shakespeare noted,

> There is a tide in the affairs of men,
> Which taken in the flood leads on to fortune,
> Omitted, all the voyage of their life
> Is bound in shallows and miseries.

The Bard of Avon correctly noted that to cooperate with the tide is to find fulfillment. He was also correct in noting that to ignore the tide is to remain unfulfilled and in the shallows. There is one part of his verse to which I take strong exception. He speaks as if there is a single tide coming to each person, and should you chance to miss that tide you remain a loser ever after. That seems far too grim a view of tides. It is not often that I have a chance to improve on Shakespeare, but I ask you to consider with me the possibility that we live through all our days with the ebb and flow of tides.

We may be blind concerning these tides. We may ignore them. I may sometimes struggle and toil to get my boat off a sand bar, alas to no avail. But to my great amazement, after I am totally spent and in despair, the tide comes in. Seemingly without effort my boat is freed to sail the seas again.

I have concern that so frequently people chide and punish themselves mercilessly. If only they would pause to reflect on the tides. Martin Buber tells the story of a who was reputed to be very wise and to have "special connections" with God. A man was going to visit the rabbi and see if he were as genuine as the reports. He was told to find out in this manner. He was to commend the rabbi on having found the way to open a vital relationship with God. Then he would ask the rabbi if he had found a method of maintaining this relationship on a continuous basis. If he had such a method, then he would be recognized as a fake. A profound story. It recognizes that tides ebb and flow in our lives and that no genuine person will expect, even less, demand that life, faith, love remain on a constant level.

The beginning of wisdom for many persons may be that they acquire a deeper respect for the ebb and flow in their lives. There is a wisdom that lies deeper within these tides than we see. Should the land be chided that lies fallow? May it not be that the fallow period is an important part of a later abundant harvest? Many persons condemn themselves for being depressed. Yet it takes no magician to see that many a joy is created from the barren, fallow period of depression. Many a saint has complained bitterly to God, and groused to his fellowmen about a period of aridity, not guessing that it has anything to do with a later period of abundance.

Faith is to trust the tides that ebb and flow in life. Though the psalmist had an awesome struggle with the dark night of his soul, he finally was able to cry out to God, "The darkness and the light are both alike unto thee." I take continuing comfort from the fact that God seems to understand the use of tides considerably better than I do.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

Jordan Nicholas Loder was born at Dairy Dell on July 4th, second son and fourth child of Cory and Nancy Loder. His family and the Farm community welcomed his arrival with joy.

McKee House was opened July 19th. Ms. Ellen Tullock is the house parent. Eight guests from the third floor of the main house have joined her there. There are rooms for six new arrivals. A number of people have contributed toward the cost of furnishing the building.

A group of nine Lutheran Church Young People from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York States, again under the leadership of the Rev. Richard Lindgren came on July 4th to stay for ten days at the Youth Lodge. They worked where they were most needed, weeding and ridging potatoes, shelling peas, helping re-paint the main house. They led a Sunday evening worship service, and also a variety show.

A second group of seven young people came from First Church Congregational of Fairfield, Connecticut. Their leaders were Bob Vincze and Jean Wyckoff. They arrived on Sunday, July 17th and stayed till July 24th. For some of them this was their third stay on the Farm, while for others it was their first experience. During the year they raise money to cover their expenses for their stay at Gould Farm. While on the Farm they do farm chores, take trips to Tanglewood, and for a brief time become part of the Farm's community and fellowship.

Joe Burkholder and his family are vacationing for the month in Colorado. Ed and Gladys Dunlop, who have a farm in Northern New York State, for a few weeks.

In June Debra Junker from Boyd, Wisconsin, came through the Brethren Volunteer Services to be a work leader. Robin Chaffee and Lauren Hassol, both of Antioch College, returned this summer to join the staff.

Rose McKee

4-H NEWS

The Berkshire County 4-H Fair will be August 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Great Barrington Fair grounds. There will be displays of 4-H projects from the county, in addition to judged entries.

Members of the Monterey 4-H, along with the Sheffield 4-H planted flowers opposite the grandstand in the Fair grounds.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Little League season ended July 21. Members of the team were as follows: Keith Amstead, Mark Amstead, Tara Bradley, Pete Brucale, Bob Candee, Jim Gauthier, Dave Gauthier, Liz Hyman, Jim Makuc, Denis O'Connor, Hannah Pedersen, Pat Sheridan, Bob Stevens, and Don Whitbeck.

PARK COMMISSION

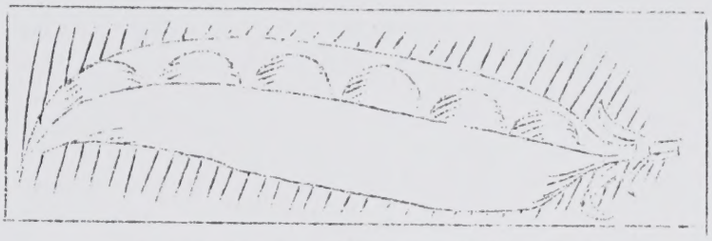
Lifeguard hours at the Town Beach have been extended until 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Hours are now 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on weekends.

New basketball backstops have been purchased by the Park Commission for Greene Park. Made of metal, the new backstops should be more longlasting than the previous wooden ones.

Ellen Blount

THE MONTEREY Food Co-op

a bustling enterprise situated coolly and centrally in the subterranean embrace of the United Church of Christ, Monterey, Massachusetts.

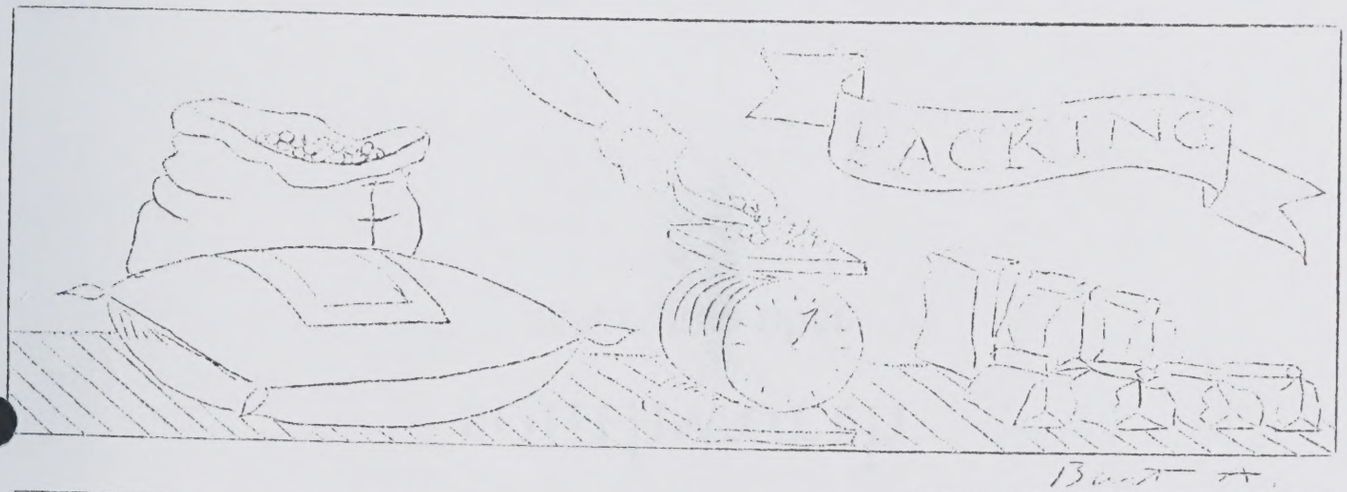


fifty families strong, we procure foods of so splendid a quality that it would be difficult to overpraise them.

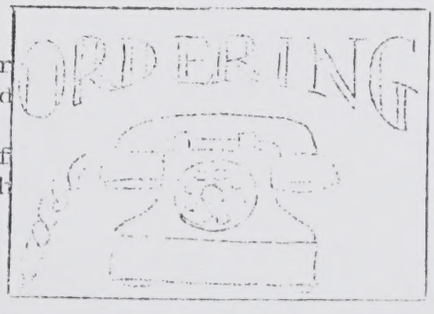
broccoli (.60 a head) unequaled in rich delicious flavor, cherries (.75 a pound) surpassingly sweet and luscious, cheddar cheese (1.52 a pound) unsurpassed and scarcely equaled, homemade breads, exotic teas, honey, dates, cashews, and walnuts, all peculiarly luscious and remarkably low-priced.

extract from a Letter of Praise: "...Your co-op, I think, is the very best in the United States. A man must be very fastidious, indeed, when the Monterey Food Co-op will not suit him."

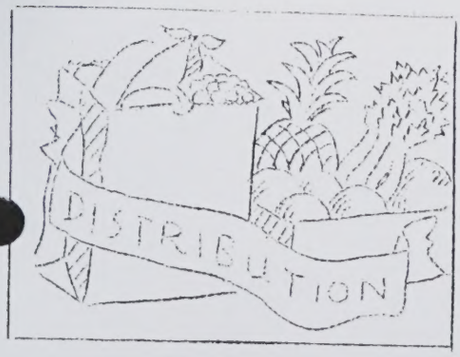
an enthusiastic lover of fine foods, when asked for his opinion of our produce, exclaimed "Nectar-Ambrosia."

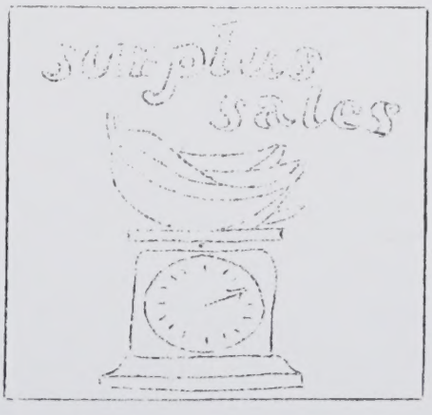


That prospective members at a distance may appreciate our facilities for the prompt and careful execution of orders, we will give illustrations of some of our departments which we will briefly describe:



Food is ordered by the individual on printed forms. Orders are tallied, called into various wholesale establishments, and delivered two weeks later. At this point the food is measured, weighed and packed by a team of willing if slightly tatterdemalion workers, and orders are proudly distributed that same evening.





Interested parties are cordially invited to appear between the hours of 6 and 7:00 PM Thursday evening, July 28 and on every other Thursday evening thereafter. Surplus food is sold to non-members at a 10% markup during these times. Or speak to our Cashier about becoming a member.

Change in Recycling Program

The Recucling Committee reports that Monterey no longer has an arrangement with S&T Industries by which paper, metal and glass may be picked up at the dump. However, the committee is investigating other alternatives and in the meantime, George Kisselbrock is encouraging townspeople to continue separating their disposables into the above named categories, in the hope that a way will be found to recycle them. Anyone with an idea for how the town might continue its recycling program is urged to call Stefan Grotz at 528-4519.

Celebrating Monterey '77

The weekend of August 5, 6 and 7 is designated as Monterey Celebration Weekend. The committee in charge of planning the festivities has announced that plans are virtually completed.

On Friday evening there will be a performance of folk and blues music by Karl Finger. At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday will take place a Farmer's Market in Greene Park to which all local gardeners are invited to bring garden produce, baked goods, even flea market articles to sell from stands of their own devising (a quilt on the grass will do). At 5:30 Saturday afternoon townspeople are invited to attend a picnic supper. Grills and charcoal will be provided by the town; otherwise, bring your own food and drinks. Watermelons will be provided for dessert. It is suggested that people bring equipment for light sports such as volley ball, badminton, croquet and frisbee. There is likely to be some impromptu singing and a marshmallow roast following the picnic. At 7:30 a local Contre Dance Band will supply music, instruction and calls for an outdoor dance. There will be contre dance, squares, polkas and waltzes. Both picnic and dance will be held in Greene Park.

On Sunday there will be an Ecumenical Worship Service in Greene Park at 10:00 a.m.

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This month we are deeply indebted to Miss Mary Edmonds, in England, and Drs. Warren and Beverly Goodman for their contributions.

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